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FPPC Enforcement Decisions: August 5, 2004

The following are enforcement decisions approved by the Fair Political Practices Commission at its regular monthly meeting held in Sacramento on August 5, 2004. Decisions are divided by category and include brief summaries of each case and the amount of the fines.

Additional information on each of the enforcement cases below can be found in the August agenda on the FPPC website at www.fppc.ca.gov. FPPC agendas are distributed and posted on the agency website 10 days prior to each monthly meeting.

The web version of the agenda includes links to the stipulations agreed to by the commission, and by the individuals and organizations subject to the fines, or the default decisions ordered by the commission. Exhibits in support of the stipulations and default decisions are also available on the website. If you are unable to access the FPPC website, or need further assistance, please call the FPPC press office at 916-322-7761.

Conflicts of Interest

In the Matter of Elaine Griffin, FPPC No. 03/257

Staff: Commission Counsel Julia Bilaver and Investigator III Sandra Buckner

As a consultant to the Department of Water Resources in the California Energy Resources Scheduling division, Elaine Griffin made two governmental decisions in which she had a financial interest, in violation of section 87100 (2 counts). **\$5,000 fine.**

Campaign Money Laundering Violation

In the Matter of Arthur J. Johnston, III, FPPC No. 2004/178

Staff: Senior Commission Counsel Deanne Canar and Supervising Investigator Dennis Pellón

Arthur J. Johnston, III, also known as Jim Johnston, is a self-employed media consultant in San Diego. In September 2003, the Commission issued a default decision and order in the Matter of Colin Flaherty, FPPC No. 99/783, imposing an administrative penalty of \$76,000 on Flaherty for, among other things, thirty-six violations of section 84301, commonly referred to as "campaign money laundering." Johnston made six contributions on behalf of Flaherty, for which he was reimbursed, without disclosing to the recipients of the contributions that Flaherty was the true source of the contributions and other required information, in violation of section 84302 (6 counts). **\$6,000 fine.**

Campaign Reporting Violations

In the Matter of Sarah Reyes, Friends of Sarah Reyes, and Gustavo Corona, FPPC No. 02/429

Staff: Commission Counsel Julia Bilaver and Investigator II Charlie Bilyeu

Sarah Reyes was a successful incumbent candidate for the California State Assembly, representing the 31st District, in the Nov. 7, 2000, general election. Friends of Sarah Reyes was her controlled committee and Gustavo Corona was the committee treasurer. Respondents failed to disclose the making of eight late contributions and the receipt of 23 late contributions in properly filed late contribution reports, in violation of section 84203(a) (31 counts). **\$23,000 fine.**

In the Matter of Eric Perrodin, Committee to Elect Eric Perrodin, and Thomas Barclay, FPPC No. 01/175

Staff: Commission Counsel Steven Meinrath and Investigator II Charlie Bilyeu

Eric Perrodin was a candidate for mayor of Compton in the April 17, 2001, general municipal election and was elected mayor in the June 5, 2001, run-off election. The Committee to Elect Eric Perrodin was his controlled committee and Thomas Barclay was the committee treasurer. Respondents failed to timely file a pre-election campaign statement, in violation of sections 84200.5 and 84200.8 (1 count); failed to file a late contribution report, in violation of section 84203 (1 count); and failed to timely file a semi-annual campaign statement, in violation of section 84200(a) (1 count). **\$11,000 fine.**

In the Matter of MedImpact Healthcare Systems, Inc., FPPC No. 03/579

Staff: Commission Counsel Jennie Eddy and Investigator III Jon Wroten

MedImpact Healthcare Systems, Inc., a pharmacy benefits management corporation located in San Diego, failed to timely file a semi-annual campaign statement, in violation of section 84200(b) (1 count). **\$1,500 fine.**

In the Matter of Pacific Spanish Network, Inc., FPPC No. 02/1043

Staff: Commission Counsel Jennie Eddy and Investigator III Jon Wroten

Pacific Spanish Network, Inc., a California corporation engaged in radio communications and headquartered in Chula Vista, committed seven violations by failing to disclose two late contributions in properly filed late contribution reports, in violation of section 84203(a) (2 counts); failing to timely file two semi-annual campaign statements, in violation of section 84200(b) (2 counts); and failing to file a late contribution report and two semi-annual campaign statements electronically, in violation of section 84605(a) (3 counts). **\$12,500 fine.**

In the Matter of Diane-Meyer-Simon, FPPC No. 03/580

Staff: Commission Counsel Jennie Eddy and Investigator III Jon Wroten

Diane Meyer-Simon, the founder, president emeritus and chair of Global Green USA who resides in Montecito, Calif., and Indianapolis, Ind., failed to timely file two semi-annual campaign statements, in violation of section 84200(b) (2 counts). **\$4,000 fine.**

Late Contribution – Streamlined Program

Failure to Timely File Late Contribution Reports – Proactive Program.

Staff: Acting Chief Investigator Sue Straine, Investigator III Jon Wroten, and Political Reform Consultant Mary Ann Kvasager

The following persons and entities have entered into stipulations for failure to file late contribution reports in 2003, in violation of section 84203:

In the Matter of George Garrick, FPPC No. 2004-142

George Garrick of Atherton, Calif., failed to timely disclose a late contribution totaling \$21,200 (1 count). **\$3,180 fine.**

In the Matter of Andrew Littlefair, FPPC No. 2004-148

Andrew Littlefair of Newport Beach, Calif., failed to timely disclose a late contribution totaling \$21,200 (1 count). **\$3,180 fine.**

In the Matter of Sigie Corporation, FPPC No. 2004-155

Sigie Corporation of San Fernando, Calif., failed to timely disclose a late contribution totaling \$21,200 (1 count). **\$3,180 fine.**

Statement of Economic Interests – Streamlined Program

Failure to Timely File Statements of Economic Interests.

Staff: Commission Counsel Jeffery A. Sly, Investigator III Dan Schek, and SEI Coordinator Mary Ann Kvasager

The following persons have entered into stipulations for failing to timely file Statements of Economic Interests, in violation of sections 87202, 87203, 87204 or 87300:

In the Matter of Stephen Kellogg, FPPC No. 03/229

Stephen Kellogg, a member of the Building Board of Appeals for the City of Modesto, failed to timely file an assuming office, 2001 annual, and 2002 annual Statement of Economic Interests, in violation of section 87300 (3 counts). **\$300 fine.**

In the Matter of Diana Peterson-More, FPPC No. 03/442

Diana Peterson-More, a member of the Planning Commission for the City of Pasadena, failed to timely file a 2002 annual Statement of Economic Interests, in violation of section 87203 (1 count). **\$100 fine.**

In the Matter of Margaret Briare, FPPC No. 04/027

Margaret Briare, a director of the Bodega Bay Fire Protection District for the County of Sonoma, failed to timely file a 2002 annual Statement of Economic Interests, in violation of section 87300 (1 count). **\$100 fine.**

In the Matter of Berchard Shipley, FPPC No. 03/740

Berchard Shipley, a member of the Planning Commission for the City of Brentwood, failed to timely file a 2002 annual Statement of Economic Interests, in violation of section 87203 (1 count). **\$100 fine.**

In the Matter of Bridget Silva, FPPC No. 03/725

Bridget Silva, an Insurance Broker for Keenan & Associates, consultants to multi-jurisdictional insurance agencies, failed to timely file a 2002 annual Statement of Economic Interests, in violation of section 87300 (1 count). **\$100 fine.**

In the Matter of Debra Steward, FPPC No. 03/726

Debra Steward, an Insurance Broker for Keenan & Associates, consultants to multi-jurisdictional insurance agencies, failed to timely file a 2002 annual Statement of Economic Interests, in violation of section 87300 (1 count). **\$100 fine.**

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